Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Herbert Davis was born on October 1, 1928, at Helena, Oklahoma, to Homer and Ruby (Riggs) Davis; and,

Whereas, After high school, Herb attended Abilene Christian College in Texas and graduated from Oklahoma State in 1951, with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education; and,

Whereas, Herb served 2 years with the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Shape Headquarters in Paris, France; and,

Whereas, Following his military service, Herb taught veterans in the Paxton and Superior, Nebraska, area farming techniques until he joined the Soil Conservation Service, resulting in a 30-year career from which he retired in 1987; and,

Whereas, Herb married Jane French on March 7, 1954, and to that union two children were born, Ray and Cynda, who have further blessed their lives with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1961, Herb moved his family to Pierre, South Dakota, and in addition to his work, has shared his time and talents through memberships at the Madison Avenue Church of Christ, Capital City Toastmasters Club, National Association for Retired Federal Employees, and as a SHIINE and RSVP volunteer and tour guide at the Capitol; and,

Whereas, Herb will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants as his family and friends gather on September 27, 2008, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State